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In re Application of:

Akira NAKANO et al.

Serial No. 09/925,579

Filing Date: August 9, 2001

For: PLASMA PROCESSING APPARATUS AND SYSTEM,
PERFORMANCE VALIDATION SYSTEM AND
INSPECTION METHOD THEREFOR

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office action dated June 6, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claim rejections in light of the following amendments and remarks. Applicant submits that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begins on page 7 of this paper.